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**KOWLOON CONCERNS TO MAKE
THEIR OWN ELECTRICITY?**

China Light & Power Charges Said To Be Too High;
Letter To Colonial Secretary

**Possible Action
By Consumers**

"I am sure that the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., will, in the long run, find it more beneficial to their own interests to accede to our request for a reduction in their present scale of charges for electricity" said Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday regarding a threat by leading Chinese factories, restaurants and business concerns in Kowloon to install their own generating sets in the event of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., refusing to reduce present charges.

Mr. Der informed the "China Mail" that a letter was forwarded by his Chamber to the Colonial Secretary on Friday last, seeking, inter alia, Government's views relative to the installation of generating sets for private use and not profit.

It was pointed out by Mr. Der that any reduction in the scale of charges for electricity would not benefit Chinese in Kowloon alone, but also foreigners as well. Mr. Der said that negotiations with the Light Company for a reduction in their scale of charges have been in progress since September last, without any fruitful result being achieved.

"It is the plea of the Company that they must recoup their war losses" said Mr. Der, who added that it was ridiculous to suggest that the public should be called upon to make good losses for which it was in no way responsible.

Generators
Mr. Der also disclosed that negotiations for the purchase

**Impressive
Send-Off
For King**

Weymouth, Feb. 1.
A two mile lane of warships representing the might of the British Home Fleet bade farewell to the battleship HMS Vanguard carrying the Royal Family to South Africa this morning. The ceremony was made unexpectedly dramatic by receipt of an urgent Admiralty message that a mine had been sighted in the area.

The warning arrived as 10,000 sailors lined the decks of the Naval guard of honour. They uttered a mighty cheer while every ship in the line thundered a Royal salute of 21 guns as the Vanguard slowly slid past with the King, Queen and the Princesses standing on the forward twin-gun turrets.

The escort ships swiftly broke ranks from the exercise which they had been practicing since last November, and sped to the positions designated in the Admiralty message. The mine was only two miles away from the Vanguard when Britain's biggest and newest battleship slipped out of the danger zone to continue her long journey to South Africa. The escort ships disposed of the mine.—United Press.

Tribute From Capetown

Capetown, Feb. 2.
Capetown newspapers yesterday came out with banner headlines "Royal Family leaves London for Union," along with excellent radio pictures showing the Queen and Princess Margaret driving to Waterloo Station and bidding their friends farewell. In a leader, the Cape Times said that "even those unimpaired by a monarchical fervour have a warm admiration for the devotion of their Majesties to their people through the long years of war strain and danger."—Associated Press.

"NO SURRENDER"

Nabagum, Bengal, Feb. 2.
Gandhi told a woman questioner here that "a woman should most certainly take her own life rather than surrender when assaulted by bootlacks." He added: "Surrender had no room in my plan of life. When it is a question of choice between killing oneself and one's assailant I have no doubt in my mind that the first should be the choice."—Reuter.

**Parcel
Hid A
Grenade**

Paris, Feb. 1.
Paris police were today searching for a taxi driver who brought an unknown man to the King George V Hotel on Thursday night and waited for him while he handed a parcel containing a type of grenade to the porter.

Madame Simone Cordier, to whom the package was delivered, said today she had no idea who was responsible for the outrage which injured her seriously about the face. The package exploded as soon as she opened it and she is now in hospital.

The Paris police have two theories about the possible motive for the attack—firstly that the man was a jealous suitor and secondly that he intended to kill Mme. Cordier's companion, Mr. de Champeillon, to settle a long-standing political grudge. The porter said he had a vague recollection of the man saying "Make sure this parcel gets to de Champeillon" when he delivered it.—Reuter.

**TWO MINDS, ONE
THOUGHT**

Washington, Feb. 1.
The Army and Navy announced they are unifying the military thinking of their officers through joint schooling to prepare them for "global triphibious war."—United Press.

**Austin Plant Closing
Down To-Day**

Birmingham, Feb. 2.
The Austin Motor Company, protesting for the second time in six weeks at Government allocations of coal during the winter shortage, announced last night that its plant here would close down indefinitely on Monday night.

The Austin Birmingham plant employs 17,000 workers and is the largest individual automobile factory in Britain. "We are faced with the alternative of working one day, ten working days—which is ridiculous—or one full five-day week in every ten weeks," Mr. L. P. Lord, chairman of the Company, said in a statement. Lord's announcement was the first adverse reaction from industry to the Government's rationing of industrial coal in the acute shortage caused by the recent cold wave.

The Austin chairman made a similar announcement of a close down just before Christmas, saying the Birmingham plant could not open after the holidays but withdrew it when the Government sent in coal by

**Strangled For An
At-Bomb Secret**

Paris, Feb. 2.
Revelation that French Countess Saute de-Chalon was strangled by a spy in search of the atomic bomb secret was made by a Belgian mechanic who has been arrested in connection with the murder, according to the evening paper "Paris Press" today.

In September, 1945, the Countess told her husband she was going to Groningen, in Holland, and left her home in a car with two Canadian officers.

Her naked body was later found in a ditch near Maastricht, northern France.

Belgian, Dutch and French police took part in a search which finally led to the arrest of Leon Meurant, Belgian mechanic, who was living at Tubingen, Germany, in the guise of a medical officer.

Meurant, who is now in a Douai prison awaiting trial in April, has, it is reported, confessed to being a secret agent for a foreign power, but flatly denies murdering the Countess.

A Mongol
In a statement telling how the Countess met her death, he said, "I am certainly a spy for a foreign power and I hold an important position. At the Palace Hotel in Brussels, where I was on a mission, I made the acquaintance of Countess Saute de Chalon on the day she arrived. An officer wear-

**Palestine
Blunder**

London, Feb. 2.

In a splash front page story headlined "Palestine, a Blunder" the "Sunday Pictorial" today asserts that the decision to advise the press to leave this trouble spot, Palestine, is "worse than ill advised. It is ludicrous."

The paper continues: "For months the policy of the British Government in Palestine has been under heavy barrage from Russian and American propagandists and has caused uneasiness even at home.

"To attempt to draw a veil over what is soon happening—and may very soon happen—in Palestine, is to invite suspicion throughout the world that the methods of the British Army, acting with the authority of the Labour Government, will not bear scrutiny or publicity or survive the judgment of democratic common-sense by other nations.

Folly

"The British Cabinet, which has endorsed the folly of the Palestine Government, in advising the press to withdraw with the rest of the civilians must reconsider its decision.

"The facilities which will enable the world's newspapers to record impartially the course of events must be restored immediately.

"Throughout the two world wars, the press rightly conceived that their functions could be fulfilled only if their reporters served in the battle zones at the side of our troops. Is Palestine to become a battlefield? Or is there still time to avert this unhappy climax in a trying situation?"

The "Sunday Pictorial" says that the Government's advice to correspondents to leave Palestine and the fact that a press photographer was recently held by troops for taking pictures of barbed wire barricades is evidence that the Government wishes to impose a ban on news from Palestine. It concludes: "Any attempt by the Government to act in secrecy will be resented by the Jews and Arabs in general—and by the British people in particular."—Reuter.

**Nazi Cells
Exist In
Argentina**

London, Feb. 2.
Renewed charges that Nazi organisations still exist throughout Germany and that Nazis still hold important posts in Argentina are made by the International Committee for study of European questions in a document issued today.

The document, reaffirms, in spite of denials, the facts given in its report last week, adding: "It appears really desirable that an end should now be put to any kind of dilatory proceedings concerning either de-Nazification or the handing over to the Allies of German assets abroad."

Cells of clandestine Nazi organisations exist not only in important German towns but also in small boroughs, the Committee asserts.

It quotes two leading Bavarian politicians as being disconcerted to be dangerous Nazis, and asks: "Was military intelligence unaware of the past activities of these newly elected statesmen or were military intelligence aware of them and unable or not willing to oppose their appointment?"—Reuter.

The Weather

An intense anticyclone centred over Siberia moves over N. China with a wedge of high pressure along the China Coast and eastward over the East China Sea. A complex series of these depressions of S. China and N. Hsinchi is moving slowly SE. Pressure remains low over the equatorial region.

Today's Forecast:—Fresh ENE gales, moderate Easterly drizzle, weather cloudy but somewhat warmer.
Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 55 deg. Fahr.
Minimum: 44 deg. Fahr.
Sunshine: 10.5 hours.
Rainfall: .01 inch.
Total since Jan. 1: 66.1 mm. (average of 24 mm. daily).
Remarks at 10 a.m.: 4 p.m.:
Baro. at sea level: 1018.4 1016.5 mb.
Rel. Humidity: 68 74 %
Dir. Wind: 101 104 105 deg. F.
Wind Direction: 10 12 E.
Wind Force: 29 13 knots.

**"DAKOTA" CRASH
NEAR LISBON**

Lisbon, Feb. 2.
Emergency rescue teams, working through the darkness with huge searchlights, by dawn this morning had recovered the bodies of 11 of the 16 persons killed in the crash of an Air France Dakota transport plane 12 miles north of here last night.

The search is continuing but is being hampered by fog, rain and mud. The sole known survivor of the 12 passengers and five crew members was Eugene Leonnard, 33-year-old businessman whose nationality had not yet been established.

**Dakota
Test "Fails"**

Copenhagen, Feb. 1.

In a test at Kastrup airport today, a Danish transport pilot, Captain Emil Damme, tried to take off in a Dakota plane with the elevator in the same position as when locked. The plane was able to taxi but unable to fly.

(The Netherlands Aviation Service announced, in Amsterdam yesterday that the crash in which the American opera star Grace Moore and Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden were killed, was due to the failure to remove the elevator locking pins before the take off.)

At another test, Captain Damme tried to place the elevator in the same position as when it was locked. The plane had already stalled before the elevator reached its locked position, proving that the plane was unable to fly with a locked elevator. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands will fly to Stockholm in a

**HK MP's Daughter
"Not Kidnapped"**

Richmond, Calif., Feb. 2.
A four and a half year old girl born in a Japanese internment camp, whose father is now in Hong Kong, and who was reported kidnapped in Reno, Nev., was found unharmed here when Ralph Worrell, 40, merchant seaman, surrendered to police and denied any intent to abduct the child.

Reno police said a complaint charging kidnapping had been filed against Worrell by the child's mother, Mrs. Alexandra Agadanova Levkovich, who filed suit for divorce in Reno Friday against the girl's father who is in the Far East.

**Girls Got
Rations
From POWs**

Paris, Feb. 1.

Four young girls from Metz, who are alleged to have got rations from German prisoners of war by going to parties in their camp, were being held by the Paris police today on charges of trespassing.

The mother of one of the girls and a man were arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

The police said that the girls used to cross the Moselle River very night from Metz to Ile de France, where there was a prisoner of war camp. The prisoners of war gave them rations, with which they returned to the main camp. Here they turned over most of the food to a man who has now been arrested.

The arrested mother, on learning where her daughter got the food, is alleged to have formed a partnership with the man and shared in the proceeds.—Reuter.

**KIDNAPPERS
FREE PRIEST**

Bangkok, Feb. 1.
Father Mado, the Catholic priest who was kidnapped on Monday by Siamese bandits and held for ransom, was released today unharmed and without any ransom being paid.

The priest, a member of the Salesian Order, was forced to sign a ransom demand for 80,000 bahts (\$2,000), which was sent to Bishop Pantetti, head of the

Mrs. Levkovich told police that Worrell, whom she had refused to marry, abducted her daughter Ramona from the children's day nursery. She said she and her husband Basil—both Russian born—married in Shanghai March 9, 1940. She was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines but her husband—a member of the British military police—has not been stationed in Hong Kong—escaped.

The child was born in the internment camp where Worrell was a fellow prisoner.

Man's Story
Worrell said he met Mrs. Levkovich in the Philippines and saw her when she came to San Francisco.

Returning recently from a trip on the U.S. Army transport, General H.F. Hodges, Worrell said he could not locate her until she notified him she was in Reno to get a divorce.

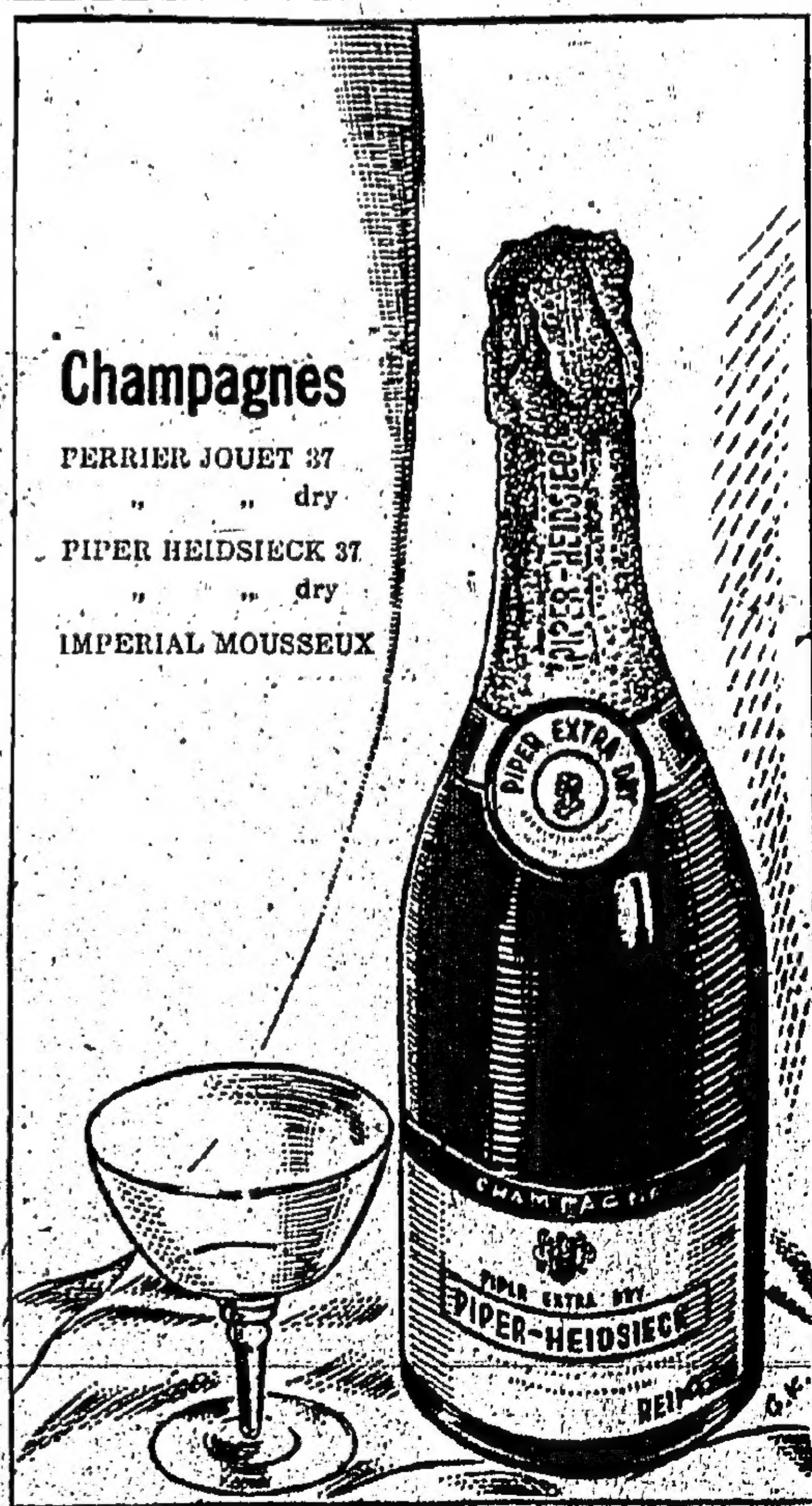
She asked Worrell to take the child with him to Reno when he went there to visit her.

Worrell said he did so and placed the child in a nursery school.

Last Tuesday night, said Worrell, who is the junior assistant third engineer of the Hodges, Mrs. Levkovich said she filed a divorce action Friday, charging non-support and three years' separation.

Worrell came to Reno and asked her to marry him, she told the police. She added that she at one time had considered marrying him, but later changed her mind and told him so.—Associated Press.

Order here.
The Bishop, it was reported, went to plead with the gang for Mado's release as the Order was unable to raise the money.—Reuter.



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"Izvestia" And U.S. Withdrawal

How We Can Help China

London, Feb. 2.

There are many ways in which Britain and China can really help each other, said Lady Cripps, President of the British United Aid to China Fund, in a speech at a reception of the Anglo-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Though neither country at the moment was capable of making great material supplies available to each other in trade, she said, it was important that the two countries should fill the gap by other forms of mutual help.

She suggested, for example, the dispatch of British experts who could help the Chinese in social welfare work. Another way would be to provide facilities for young Chinese administrators to come to Britain to study British administration.

Lady Cripps said that she came back from her China tour with a deep conviction of the possibilities for the future between the two countries, if we could go forward unafraid and with trust in each other.—Central News.

Disarmament Proposal Meets Snag

Lake Success, Feb. 2.

An American proposal for worldwide arms reduction, being drafted for presentation to the United Nations Security Council, already has snagged in Russian objections, authoritative sources said today.

The basic arms-atoms plan authorized by delegate Warren Austin after consultations with President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall was taken up privately and in advance with the other 10 nations on the council.

The Soviet objections developed during a conference between Austin and Andrei Gromyko, Russia's representative on the Council. Whether the United States now will give ground or insist on all major provisions of the proposal was not known.

Indications were that Austin would be guided by the ultimate results of his advance parleys with the other delegates.—Associated Press.

Declaration Of Rights

Washington, Feb. 2.

The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States released today a "Declaration of Human Rights" which set down for the first time broad claims upon the nations who live in the world community.

It outlined 13 rights which are responsibilities of the State, among them being the "right to the assistance of the international community in time of economic or social distress."

The declaration was issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference which is an organization of Bishops and Archbishops in the United States, and was sent to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights, of which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is chairman.

Among other rights of States were: "Revision of treaties which are no longer in accord with fundamental justice," and the "Right of access upon equal terms to the markets and raw materials of the world necessary for its own life as a people."—United Press.

The 1st floor of the Gloucester Hotel will be as usual the place of tomorrow's meeting for the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at 12.30 p.m. Capt. B. Hale, R.N., has kindly consented to talk to the Club on "Invasion of Normandy".

The international reviewer of the Soviet official newspaper *Izvestia* states that the United States decision to withdraw from the Committee of Three, acting as mediator in the civil war in China sums up a definite phase of American foreign policy.

"It is known that the Committee of Three which besides Americans included representatives of the Kuomintang and Communist Party, was created on the initiative of the United States soon after the arrival in China of General Marshall in 1945," the reviewer states.

He goes on to say that the former American Ambassador to China, Major-General Patrick Hurley, had "carried out a policy of active support for reactionary circles in China."

"The Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers in December, 1945 expressed its desire for unification and democratization," he continues, "and the United States were compelled to alter their policy in China to a certain extent. Their interference in internal Chinese affairs was henceforward disavowed as mediation. This mediation, however, immediately assumed a very one-sided character."

The reviewer goes on to say that the Kuomintang, feeling American support behind them, disregarded the armistice with the Communists, "refused to apply the decision regarding the creation of a coalition and convoked the National Assembly, which passed the constitution legalising the power of the reactionary clique."

"The American policy in China has suffered complete bankruptcy. Events will show whether competent American circles will draw necessary conclusions from the collapse of the present policy in China or whether a new form of interference will follow the breakdown of the policy of mediation."

In another article, criticising United States policy in the Far

S'hai U.S. Firms For Hong Kong

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

Owing to immense and ever-increasing financial difficulties, many American businessmen are now preparing to evacuate Shanghai, it was understood today. They are mostly preparing to transfer to Manila, Hongkong or Japan their future business.

The reasons are:—

(1) The present inflation and exorbitant transportation fees. For example, the freight charges from Honolulu to Shanghai are cheaper than those for unloading the cargo from the Whangpoo River into warehouses. Similarly, payment for the cargo cannot be received in U.S. dollars and, consequently, businessmen are badly suffering from the adverse difference between the official foreign exchange and the black market rates.

(2) All Chinese staffs are demanding increase in salaries, making conditions extremely difficult.

Many cargoes arrived in the Whangpoo River mouth but were forbidden to be brought in and unloaded. Many cargoes have been shipped to Tientsin but the Chinese Government restricted foreign shipping and navigation.

The Chinese merchant service is unreliable and irregular, taking one month and some as much as three months.—United Press.

CANTON COTTON EXCHANGE

Canton, Feb. 2.

The city's Cotton Stock Exchange formally resumed operation yesterday for the first time after V-J Day.

The Exchange was reopened for the purpose of enabling members to trade in cotton yarn freely through the Exchange instead of being monopolised by black-market dealers.—Central News.

Moscow, Feb. 1.

The Soviet official newspaper *Izvestia* today called General Douglas MacArthur's ban on the Japanese general strike "an infringement of democratic rights directly opposing the principles of the Potsdam declaration."—Reuter.

Hoover Attacked

Moscow, Feb. 1.

The "New Times" today strongly attacked the forthcoming visit of Mr. Herbert Hoover, President Truman's "food ambassador" to Germany and Austria, as being connected "with attempts by influential American circles to make German industry wholly dependent on the West and an embryo of 'western' European federations."

It adds, "Hoover's trip is thus one of the links in the chain of plans being worked out in the United States by Senator Arthur Vandenberg and John Foster Dulles, the Republican Party foreign affairs expert, and in England by Winston Churchill and his unification committee."

The "New Times" attacked United States economic policy in Europe as "hunger strategy which uses food help as a means of political pressure."—Reuter.

Readers' Letters

China Today

Sir,—The proclamation of the leading citizens of Shanghai appealing for peace and cessation of hostilities by the two warring factions in China was significant in that it had set forth no concrete proposals upon which peace discussions could be resumed. It may be presumed that the signatories to the appeal are not lacking in definite opinions and convictions with regard to the prerequisite conditions for the resumption of peace discussions to settle the disputes of the two hostile parties, but that the time is not yet mature or opportune for Chinese non-partisan nationals to set forth any fundamentally prerequisite proposals for the opening of a new peace conference. Chinese citizens are in want of a lead. What, then, is this lead?

Conditions in China today are somewhat like those in Europe in the Middle Ages when the people there had to reserve their political convictions to themselves and dare not express their opinions in public.

In the Chinese Press at present one sees news and comments almost all of which are written by party apologetes accusing one another of obstructing and retarding the opening of peace discussions. Both parties have set forth prerequisite conditions for the resumption of peace talks; the Kuomintang, the party in power, had set forth first eight and then four conditions, while the Communists insist on their two prerequisite demands, namely, the rendition of the territory occupied by Chiang Kai Shek since the Armistice of January, last year, and the abolition of the Constitution passed lately by the National Assembly under the direction of Chiang.

Both parties are resorting to military force to attain their political aims. The Kuomintang is planning to gain an overwhelming military victory and to utterly defeat their enemy, and this entails nationwide destruction of property, enormous loss of lives, and scorched-earth conditions. The Communists are marking time and planning to bring about the economic collapse of their opponent, and this means nationwide disorder, famine, starvation, unemployment and death.

In the 36 years of the history of the Chinese Republic two constitutions had been drawn up and promulgated by Dictators, one by Yuan Shi Kai and the other by Tiao Tzu; both of these constitutions were drafted with all due forms of constitutional legality, but they are now only scraps of paper. With the Constitution drawn up under the direction of Chiang Kai Shek follow the fate of its predecessors? Are the two

HONG KONG PLANE DELAYED

Poole, Dorset, Feb. 1.
A flying-boat bound for Hong Kong was delayed today because of bad visibility and ice formation in Poole harbour.
It may take off tomorrow if the weather improves.—Reuter.

If Russia Fills The Vacuum

Washington, Feb. 2.

The Army and Navy Journal said today that "our best informed military people" in China would have preferred a delay in the withdrawal of American forces from China until Russia also removed her troops.

The unofficial military publication said that among these people "there long had been a disposition to remain in China awhile longer if only to avert the vacuum which our withdrawal might cause."

The journal added that they felt that if Russia promptly moved in to fill the vacuum the situation would be worse rather than better.

They and perhaps the Chinese would have preferred to have the United States withdrawal made effective on the day that Soviet Russia withdraws its military personnel from Dairen in accordance with Stalin's unfulfilled pledge of long ago.

"As it is," the journal added, "we have voluntarily given up a consideration which might have been used to get the Russians to make good their agreement with China."—Associated Press.

Soviet-U.S. Rumpus In Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 2.

American and Russian commanders of Berlin are engaged in a bitter personal exchange over labour policy in the most serious controversy that has come into the open since the four-power Government was established here.

In an unprecedented attack on a colleague in the Allied commandatura, Major General Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet commander, aired in the German press the secret proceedings of commandatura meetings and charged Colonel Frank L. Howley, American deputy commander, with attempting to "sabotage" a proposed Berlin trade union election.

Howley in turn declared in a statement that Kotikov was trying to "hide the truth."

"We have a policy of not washing our dirty linen before the Germans," said another high American official, "this is a plain case of dirty poker."

Howley said in a statement "never before has a Russian commander—and we have had four of them in Berlin—scooped to insult his Allies in the German press."

Regrettable

Charging that Kotikov "broke a gentleman's agreement" by taking the secret discussions of the commandatura to the German press and violated Allied control authority instructions not to allow the German press to show discord among the Allies. Howley added "this action was most regrettable and an unfortunate way of doing business."

"It was an attempt by Kotikov to discredit his Allies in the eyes of the Germans and prevent the truth—namely that he blocked a compromise."

"When General Kotikov came to yesterday's meeting, he had no intention of considering the matter in hand and simply made a cut and dried attack against us."—Associated Press.

General Sir Richard O'Connor, Adjutant-General to the Forces, who is passing through the Colony on his way from Japan to England, will leave for Singapore tomorrow morning, and not this morning, as previously stated.

Colour Bar Should Go

London, Feb. 1.

Mary Attlee, oldest sister of the British Prime Minister, writing in the "World's Children" magazine, published by the "Save the Children" Fund, pleads for the removal of the colour bar in South Africa.

"Restrictions on half-castes make for misunderstanding and bitterness between races," she says, "and it is hardly to be wondered at that some of the best coloured people tend to despise their white friends."

Miss Attlee, who has been engaged in social work among the coloured people for 25 years, recalls that just before she left Capetown a coloured woman gave a dinner party for her.

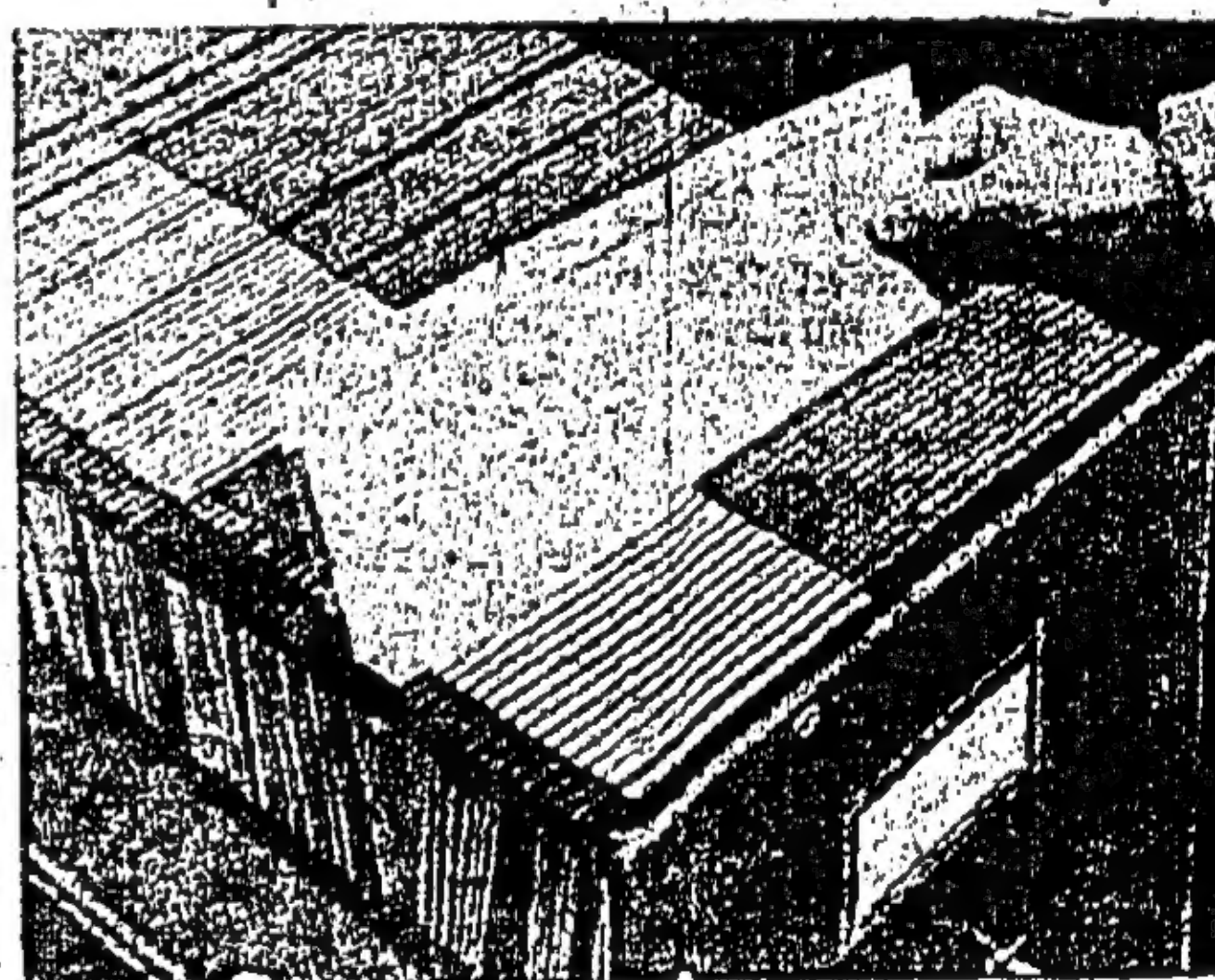
"My coloured friends got up and said very movingly, 'She is going back to England and her body will be buried there—but she whom the children call Attie will always live in our hearts. I too shall always remember them.'—Reuter.

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UNITED EUROPE

Mr. Churchill has formed a Committee of a "private and popular character" to further the idea that Europe must unite or perish. His Committee is strong and remarkable, and contains outstanding veterans of every party and of no party, who have made the organisation of international relationships their province. Mr. Lionel Curtis, Mr. George Gibson, Mr. Victor Gollancz, Sir Walter Layton, and Professor Gilbert Murray are some of the names which guarantee that this new body is very far from being the political stunt which, since Mr. Churchill restarted drumming on the idea at Zurich last September, some cynics and snufflers have suspected it to be. But there is no member of the Committee more entitled to associate himself with the project than Mr. Churchill. Even when leading a forlorn crusade against appeasement, he always had one foot on British strength and the other on international organisation. "Some say," he then remarked, "Put your trust in the League of Nations." Others say "Put your trust in British rearmament." I say "We want both. I put my trust in both," and on another occasion, "The only thing that is ridiculous about collective security is that we have not got it."

Two things are clear. The first is that the idea of a United Europe appeals strongly to the public. The second is that many people are puzzled about the practical details of such a plan. The Committee has been wise, in its first pronouncement, to avoid details altogether. The strategy is the same as that which launched the Mulberry—the artificial harbour which played such a part in making the liberation of Europe possible. In his famous memorandum enjoining the designing of Mulberry, Mr. Churchill ordered those concerned not to waste time on thinking up difficulties before they began—"the difficulties will suggest themselves." So, when now setting out to create an artificial harbour of another kind, he starts by propagating the general idea only. There is a second difference between the Committee's inaugural statement and some others, including Mr. Churchill's own, namely, that it does not contain a word about Communism.

Nevertheless, difficulties will arise, and one of the first is bound to be Russian hostility. The Committee is wise in not letting itself be deterred by that prospect. If nothing were ever started which Russia was likely to veto in the first instance, little would ever be started at all. If other nations proved to be favourable, something might be worked out which would in practice disarm Russian suspicions. A second difficulty is to decide what is meant by Britain's "full contribution to European unity," and whether she is to be a member both of United Europe and of the British Commonwealth, or leave direct participation in the former to what seems likely to be her French partner. A last difficulty is the extent to which nations would be willing to surrender their sovereignty to such a "Regional Group." The Committee says it would be premature to answer this question now, and that is clearly true. Mr. Churchill has himself suggested a Council of Europe with advisory and honorary functions in economic matters, but—apparently—something more in matters of defence. These things can, however, wait until the Committee has explored and organised support for the general idea, though they cannot wait for ever. What can be said now is that the general idea is good, and that Mr. Churchill could not have done better, with his tremendous reputation and prestige in Europe, than to devote part of his energies to a task so well designed for an Elder Statesman.

War Lost Before It Was Begun

London, Jan. 30.
In one sense Germany lost the war before it was begun because Germany was never prepared for a naval war against Britain.

The possibility of having Britain as an antagonist was not envisaged until 1938, because the Hitler Government was ill advised politically. This point stands out in three lengthy German documents made public by the British Admiralty today. They are:

1. "Aspects of the German naval war" by two unnamed German naval staff officers attached to the historical section of the German naval headquarters.
2. "Essay by Grand Admiral Doenitz (commander-in-chief of the German Navy from January 1943) on the way at sea."
3. "Documents related to the resignation of the German commander-in-chief, navy, Grand Admiral Raeder and to the decommissioning of the German high seas fleet."

The documents make clear the friction between the German navy and the army and the Luftwaffe. Say that with the right personalities in power, the inevitable friction could have been overcome, but with Raeder, an experienced leader of sound judgment, on the one hand, and Goering, a narrow-minded dilettante, on the other, cooperation was impossible.

Even the system of arbitration failed through lack of specialised knowledge on the part of the Wehrmacht commander-in-chief.

U-Boats

The unnamed German historians consider that the composition of the German fleet in 1939 was influenced partly by the restriction of the Versailles treaty, but chiefly by the attitude of the political leaders, who regarded a war with Britain as out of the question.

Doenitz claimed that preparations for the invasion of Britain were complete in September 1940 but then, "it became also apparent that complete defeat of the English air force had by no means been achieved. Thus one of the most important pre-requisites for invasion was lacking."

In Allied interrogation subsequent to his arrest, Doenitz said that although the war was lost in one sense before it was begun, in another sense it might still have been won. It was expected that the new type U-boats would radically alter the course of the war. They would have been ready by the autumn of 1944 but for the delay in production caused by the bombing. To this extent the bombing offensive, in Doenitz's opinion can be said to have won the war for the Allies.

Raeder, in his farewell to his officers, said that "the measures taken from the very outset to expand the submarine force were correct, far sighted and therefore fruitful. Thanks to our office in Holland and connections with the Spanish and Finnish navies we were able to create a certain basis for building up a submarine arm even under the Versailles system, utilising the experience gained in World War I."

Noway

The German navy's attitude toward Norway "was based on the conviction that Norway's neutrality would be the happy solution but only if Norwegian territorial waters were also respected by the enemy," Doenitz wrote.

On the other hand, all possible means would have to be employed to prevent Norway becoming an English sphere of influence, as this would also lead to the blocking of the North Sea and constitute a threat to the entrance to the Baltic.

In the story of the two naval staff officers. The fact that on this depended the safe shipment of Swedish ore to Germany via Narvik led to the postponement of the invasion.

Italian Inferiority Complex

The two naval officers blamed the undue haste with which the armistice with France was drawn up, and as a result of which the occupation of Tunis and Dakar was not insisted upon, as being largely responsible for the position in which the Axis found itself in the Mediterranean.

The naval war staff repeatedly urged the closest collaboration with France, even at the cost of political sacrifices including recognition of France as a sovereign power and the complete equipment of the French Colonial army so that it could resist a possible British landing.

The unnamed authors considered that Italian naval operations had so little success because of a feeling of inferiority on the part of the Italian naval staff. In the German view this was without justification since the strength of the Italian fleet, with its two new battleships, was considered to compare not unfavourably with that of the British navy.

But it soon became apparent that a certain measure of Italian control in the Central Mediterranean was all that could be achieved.

Doenitz wrote in his essay that "when the situation at sea in the Mediterranean took an unexpectedly favourable turn for us—the Italian fleet—failed to make adequate use of it."

The decommissioning of the German high seas fleet early in 1934 was a result of inter-service conflicts. It is possible that the decision of Hitler was arrived at gradually, and German naval files indicate clearly that requests for other men and material played their part in shaping this policy of still greater influence must have been the consequences of Allied naval operations, by which the German high seas fleet was driven from the sea and forced to seek shelter. — Associated Press.

CANARD DENIED

Copenhagen, Feb. 1.

Gustav Rasmussen, Foreign Minister, today denied that Denmark was to open talks with Norway on the question of sovereignty over Greenland as the result of pressure from the United States for permanent military bases there.

The sovereignty of Greenland has finally been settled, he said, by the decision of the International Court in 1933, which was in favour of Denmark. — Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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CURB YOUR IMPATIENCE

"Fast players" are usually creatures of habit. In the vast majority of situations, they play according to some kind of rule. As soon as a circumstance confronts them, they apply the first rule that seems to fit the case. Could this be because of a particular kind of inferiority complex? Would a psychoanalyst or psychiatrist say they want other people to think of them as having sharp, fast-acting minds? Probably so in many cases. At any rate, their failure to curb their impatience and think a bit, instead of acting first and thinking later, hands hundreds of points to their fortunate opponents.

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2 NT Pass 3 C Pass
3 NT

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Atlantic Airlines Losing Money

Pan-American World Airways, Trans World Airlines and American Overseas Airlines are currently all losing money on their trans-Atlantic services. While westbound planes are still usually booked to capacity, eastbound flights are sometimes taking off with as few as six or eight passengers. The trans-Atlantic traffic, which many aviation executives had looked to as the plum of the business, is proving a crushing disappointment; and the prospects are far from bright.

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

business reasons for crossing the Atlantic. As all shipping was requisitioned by the Allied Governments, you either had to fly or stay at home. This backlog has now been largely exhausted, and meanwhile the great ocean liners are fast being recovered for civilian use. The Queen Elizabeth and the America are sailing regularly and will soon be joined by the Queen Elizabeth's sister ship, the Queen Mary. The recent series of aviation disasters have also discouraged many potential plane passengers. Others are turning away from flying because of its unpopularity, discomfort and inefficient arrangements on the ground.

The overriding fact is that aviation executives, in their calculations, greatly exaggerated the number of people who would wish to travel by air across the ocean.

In addition to the three competing American trans-Atlantic airlines, the British, the Dutch, the French, the Canadians, the Belgians and the Scandinavians all operate trans-Atlantic services. And these airlines all have monopolies within their own countries. The Americans, with their three competing companies, are therefore at a tremendous disadvantage.

More than eighteen months ago, Juan Trippe, head of Pan American, urged upon the Civil Aeronautics Board that there was room for only one American company on the trans-Atlantic route.

Others who were less foresighted and stood out for unbridled competition are now coming round to Trippe's point of view. Sooner or later, this policy seems sure of adoption.

Some people still oppose unification of American trans-Atlantic services on the grounds that this would constitute cartel. What these critics overlook is the fact that American civil aviation already is a cartel. The only open question is whether that cartel will be operated efficiently or ineffectively. The Civil Aeronautics Board already restricts to three the number of companies which fly the Atlantic. They prescribe the routes and fix the fare. A certain amount of competition is both healthy and desirable; indeed, it is essential to the future of civil aviation. But if competition is unbridled, all the competing companies will be ruined, and the public will get no service at all.

Giral Won't Try Again

Paris, Feb. 1.
Dr. Jose Giral, former Premier in the Spanish Republican Government in Exile who resigned on Monday following the withdrawal from his Cabinet of the Socialist and Trade Union Ministers, today told the President of the Republic, Government, Senator Martinez Barrio, that he could not undertake the task of forming a new exile government.

Dr. Giral's decision, it was learned, was taken on the ground that he did not feel able to form a sufficiently broadly-based government to meet the demands of those who want to see the anti-Franco elements in the Spanish Army, represented in the Republican "shadow" cabinet. Senator Barrio has not yet announced whom he will invite to form the new Cabinet, but it is reported that he may select August Bardis, former Premier and Finance Minister in Giral's Cabinet, to do so. Bardis represents the left-wing Republican group. — Reuter.

Do You Recall These Names?

As the recent war took its global course, strange pages of the atlas were opened and remote places became household words. Much of that fleeting knowledge of geography now escapes us. Prilep, Bitolj, Kleisoura, Monastir.... These were some of the places in the new as our forces fell back to the Thermopylae line during the tragic but magnificent days of the Grecian campaign in the spring of 1941. How many could recall these names today and their significance in the battle?

Valona and Durazzo, these names should be better remembered. They figured day after day in the communiqués covering the air operations carried out by the Royal Air Force from Greece in the winter of 1940 when it was sent to support the Greeks in their heroic struggle against Italian aggression. Valona and Durazzo were the ports of Albania through which the Italians were pushing men and material while the Greeks strove to effect a speedy mobilisation. When Air Vice-Marshal J. H. (now Sir John) D'Albiac brought his small force to Greece every pressure was brought to bear upon him in Athens to give close support of the land forces, whereas he appreciated that the best help he could give to the Greek armies was to concentrate his bombers on the enemy's disembarkation ports and lines of communication.

"I finally obtained agreement on this policy," Sir John writes in his Grecian despatch, "and attacks were directed forthwith on the enemy's back areas.... By the end of November, the Italian advance had been stemmed and the Greek Forces who had by then completed their concentration were able to take the offensive. The Greek General Staff were most appreciative of the prompt and valuable help we had been able to provide and they expressed the view that it was largely due to our assistance that the situation had now become satisfactory."

For some unaccountable reason on the other hand, Sir John points out, the Italian air force, could if handled properly, have played havoc with the Greek mobilisation and concentration arrangements but completely failed to do so.

As the winter passed it was deemed essential in February 1941 to stimulate the morale of the Greek troops in an offensive to capture Valona by using the RAF bombers in close support of the Greek attack. From a purely local and spectacular point of view this form of co-operation was an instant and complete success. He received fulsome praise, Sir John writes, but he felt this high regard was based on false premises for "although we were invigorating our friends, we were misemploying our aircraft. Later events proved this to be the case...."

The latter part of the despatch tells in greater detail of the air operations after the arrival of the British land forces. A despatch cannot describe the steadfast day-to-day bravery of the men who flew and serviced eighty aircraft opposed to 1,000. But Sir John gives us an idea of what that fight entailed when he sums up:

"Even after being shot down, our fighter pilots would immediately take the air in aircraft which had been riddled with bullets and by all normal standards were totally unserviceable. The courage of these men never failed nor looked like failing. Each man was aware of his great responsibility in the face of great odds. The evacuation to Crete and on to Egypt hardly lessened that responsibility. And of the aircraft themselves what finer example of their quality could be cited than the Sunderland flying boat staggering into the air to carry away in one flight to safety crew and passengers to the number of eighty-four."

AIRLINES BACK IN OPERATION

London, Feb. 1.
The British Overseas Airways Corporation reported considerable improvement in flying conditions today. By this afternoon, airlines had taken off from London, South Africa and India, incoming planes arrived from America and Australia. "Everything is thawing out," said a BOAC official. "We should be back to normal services within 24 hours if there is no more bad weather." — Reuter.

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BRITONS BEGINNING PALESTINE EXODUS

Jerusalem, Feb. 1.
Leaflet bombs burst tonight in Tel Aviv, scattering the Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorist declaration "we will carry on the fight against Britain" while final preparations for the evacuation of 2,000 British families from Palestine were in progress.

The evacuation is due to begin on Tuesday and Trans-World Airlines have laid on three special planes to transport the families to the Middle East when the Government "quit Palestine" order comes into force.

Royal Air Force Lancasters and Halifaxes, trains with sleeping cars and private motor cars will take the evacuees to the ports of embarkation. "Comfort" will be the keynote of the evacuation according to civil and military officials.

The United States Government does not consider it necessary to evacuate 4,900 Americans in Palestine, the State Department announced tonight, according to a Reuters cable from Washington.

A special meeting of the Jewish Agency executive to discuss the present situation in Palestine was called in Jerusalem tonight shortly after senior officers of the Army, Air Force and Palestine Police had held high-level "top secret" talks in the British military headquarters, which lasted 46 minutes.

General Sir Evelyn Barker, General Officer Commanding in Palestine, was reported tonight to have left Jerusalem for Haifa.

Wives Annoyed

Settling down in temporary homes in Allenby Barracks on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road today were 500 wives and families of officers and non-commissioned officers above the rank of sergeant, who moved from Jerusalem flats in accordance with the High Commissioner's order yesterday.

The harassed British housewives are trying to plan how much personal kit they can pack into 75 pounds weight of baggage allowed them for flying.

"What shall I do with my dachshunds," was the problem of one woman. The Government has foreseen this, however, and made plans to look after dogs.

Most housewives here are dreading the dreary waits at the assembly points, the inevitable mix-ups and the winter voyage. Some of the evacuee wives were claiming today they had been "let down by the people at home." They were disappointed that the quit order was approved in the editorial columns of a section of the British press.

King's Offer

A senior officer's wife said: "If I refuse to go our husbands lose their jobs. We have no alternative."

A ship carrying 22 families of British servicemen on their way to join the soldiers in Palestine, has been diverted "to a neighbouring port" in view of the evacuation.

King Abdullah of Transjordan is understood to have offered "his protection" to any British wives and families due for evacuation, according to reports from usually reliable sources in Amman, his mountain capital.

A number of Government officials were reported earlier today to have been investigating the possibility of moving

their families into Transjordan, which is within easy reach of Palestine's cities and which could be visited at week-ends.—Reuters.

Going To England

London, Feb. 1.
British women and children, who are being evacuated from Palestine, will go to widely separated parts of the Middle East and to the British African possessions before being taken to England, informed sources said here today. High on the list of possible reception areas are Egyptian Canal Zone, Kenya, Tanganyika, South Africa and Cyprus.

Though official sources have no comment or information it is considered most likely that wives and children will be moved in troopships and liners chartered by the Ministry of Transport.

If this is so, informed sources believed that Cyprus and the Suez Canal zone may be major reception centres.—Reuters.

HORRORS AHEAD

Washington, Feb. 1.
Military leaders speculated that the Atomic Energy Commission might be developing such "improved atomic weapons" as guided missiles with atomic warheads.

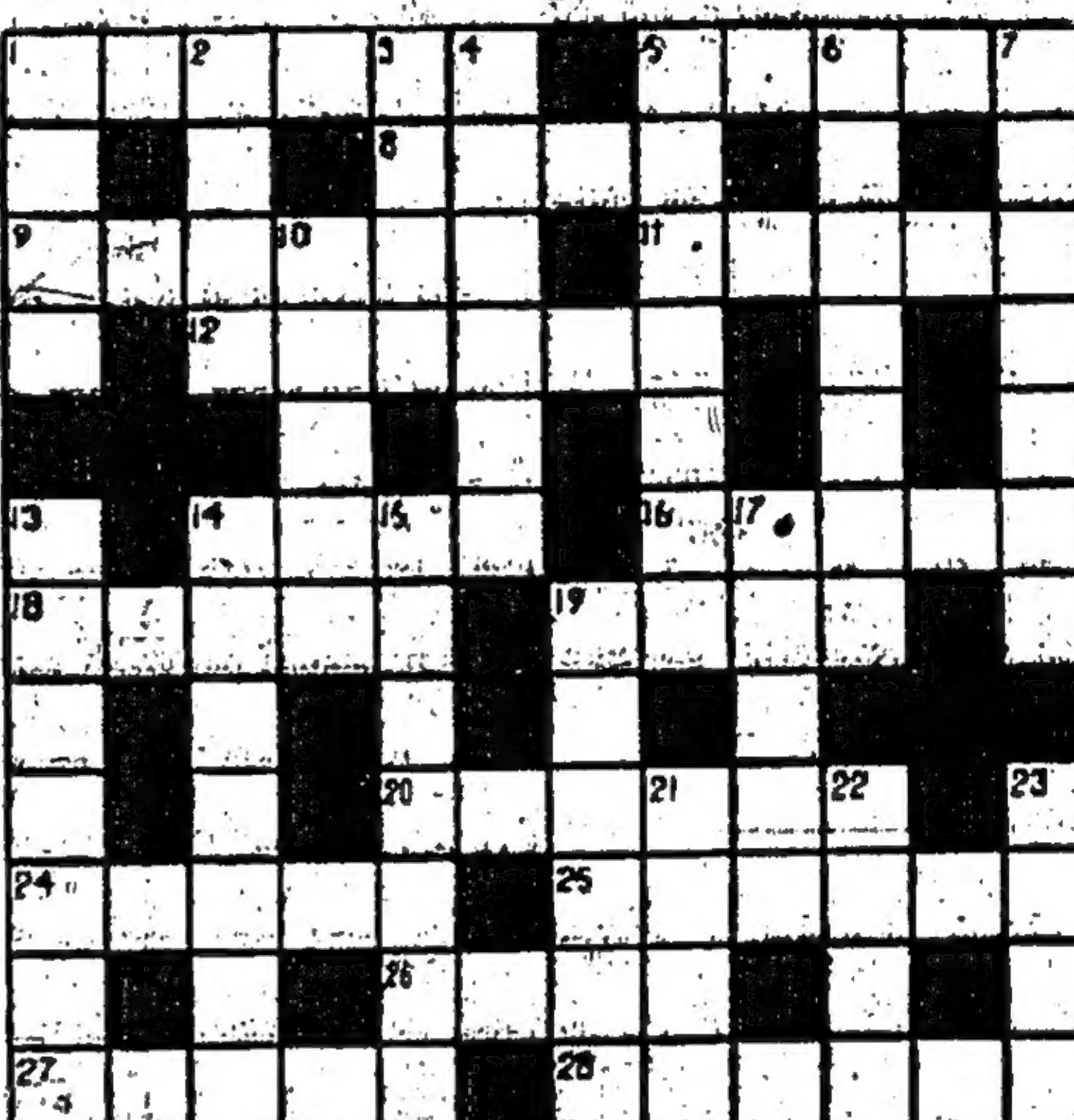
They said other possibilities were "artillery shells with atomic warheads and more powerful atomic bombs.—United Press.

B.B.C. DENIES CHARGE

London, Feb. 1.
The British Broadcasting Corporation last night denied allegations by General Gzowski, Polish Foreign Office spokesman, that his Government considered the Polish broadcasts from London as something inciting the people in Poland to murder.

The statement said that the allegations "have no foundation in fact."
The BBC spokesman told Reuters: "We are reporting General Gzowski's statement as straight news without comment in our Polish transcription service tonight."—Reuters.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Constraint.
5. Point of concentration.
8. Relate.
11. Live end.
14. Increased emolument.
16. Revise.
18. Whiling.
19. Prepare for press.
20. Best.
24. Included.
25. Straying into money.
26. Female animal.
27. Labour.
28. Tried out.

Clues Down

1. Channel.
2. Hurry.
3. Slag.
4. Staid.
6. Skinned.
7. Piece of furniture.
10. Horn.
11. Horn.
14. Hearse.
15. Methods.
17. Of less importance.
19. Highly skilled.
21. Pedicure.
22. Liquid measure.
23. Old.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1. Brews; 4. Arabic; 8. Series; 10. Ochfe; 12. Ruffin; 14. Strange; 17. Apps; 19. Crishe; 20. Arid; 22. Keam; 23. Subsidy; 27. Bustle; 29. Arise; 30. Entice; 31. Tangle; 32. Humid.

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Chaotic Condition Of China's Exports

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

Unless drastic steps are taken by China's financial leaders during the next two months, China will have missed the boat. The bulk of her export market—vital source of foreign exchange—will have disappeared.

This is the considered opinion of Paul L. Harvey, Far Eastern manager of R.H. Macy, New York and affiliates, who for the past two months have been knocking at the doors of what pass for factories in Shanghai today.

And all he has to show for it, he told the Associated Press ruefully, is a pair of bruised knuckles.

"With the withdrawal of American troops, the probable intensification of the civil war and their inevitable result—a nose-dive in the actual value of the Chinese dollar—China's export hopes, excepting isolated items such as tung oil will be nil," Harvey said.

Markets for finished products which China used to supply in quantity before the war, are being snapped up under her nose, he said.

Puerto Rico, Mexico, India, Switzerland and Italy now are exporting China type products to the United States—at one third the prices asked in China.

Main Handicaps

Ceramics, which China exported in quantity in pre-war days, are being produced in California.

Pottery and other China products are being imported into the United States from Mexico.

Lingerie, negligees, floor mats which came from China originally, now are exported from Puerto Rico.

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Associated Press.

Labour Agreement

Washington, Feb. 1.

President Truman today announced a "no strike no lockout"

agreement for settling labor disputes in the construction industry.

He told a specially summoned news conference that the agreement covers 2,000,000 workers in

vital home, highway, heavy and specialized construction fields.

The voluntary agreement was made by the Associated General Contractors of America and the

Building and Construction Trades Department of the American

Federation of Labour.

President Truman and the Secretary of Labour, Louis

Schwellenbach, warmly praised the agreement. It comes at a

time when there is great need to avoid stoppages in construction

especially of houses and apartments.—United Press.

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Snowballs At Home Soccer Matches

London, Feb. 1.

Four more cancellations owing to weather occurred in the major football programme today when the thaw did not materialise sufficiently to improve ground conditions and banks of snow surrounded many grounds.

The Norwich players cleared their own ground before play with Aldershot started while there was entertainment at Highbury where Arsenal, striking some of their old time glory, vanquished one of the leading clubs in Division One. Only the touchlines had been cleared of snow here and the spectators enjoyed themselves snowballing the press photographers who were occupying vantage points near the goals.

Then Manchester's goal-keeper caused laughter by putting the ball on a small mound of snow like teeing up a golf ball when he took the first goal-kick.

During the game there was never any doubt about Arsenal's superiority in adapting themselves to the conditions.

In London's big "Derby" game at Charlton it seemed that Chelsea were heading for a thrashing after their strenuous Cup ties, for Robin-son scored twice to give Charlton a useful lead.

But the scheming of Lawton and the brilliance of Chelsea's famous trio, Lawton, Walker and Gould, turned the scales.

First Walker scored, then Lawton netted with a typical burst from Goulden's pass and Goulden himself crashed home the winning goal in the second half.

Leaders Lose

It was not a good day for the First Division's leading clubs, though Wolverhampton, the leaders, were unable to play owing to weather. None of the next three teams took advantage to close the gap, all losing.

Preston was completely out-played by Stoke after the first-half promised a tense struggle. Peppitt had scored, but his second goal started almost a riot of goals which Steele (2) and Ormiston completed.

Middlesbrough looked like winning when at the interval they led 2-1, aided by Forbes putting through his own goal, but Sheffield's forwards were on the target afterwards, scoring three without further response.

Manchester United drop several places as a result of their defeat, because Blackpool, Liverpool and Aston Villa all overtook them.

The Villa's was an impressive win, Ford scoring both goals in the second half.

Trouble With Spectators

Stubbins netted Liverpool's two, with Grainer scoring for Leeds.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the day, considering the conditions, was the absence of mishaps.

Many serious injuries might have been sustained on the frozen grounds, but not a single case was reported today. There were some minor injuries and Stanley Matthews hurt himself, but it was not serious.

The snow-balling, which was

good-natured at Highbury, was hardly the same today at two other places, Reading, where the spectators pelted the visiting defence, and Lincoln, where the referee came in for attention after two home goals had been disallowed.

The police were rushed to the section which caused the trouble at Lincoln.

All the leaders in the other League sections won. Manchester City recording their 16th successive match without defeat, while Doncaster and Cardiff won without worry in the north and south sections.

Manchester need to keep up their form as there are several teams on their trail, the first five of this division winning their games today.

Rangers Surprised

In Scotland, where the same tale of frost-bound grounds could be told, little of note occurred in the League games. Rangers surprisingly dropped a point to the lowly placed Queens Park, but Hibernian failed to take advantage and though given a goal when Paton put it into his own net, they were beaten when Redpath and Paterson scored for Motherwell.

There was a protest at Falkirk by the visiting Kilmarnock, against two of their opponents' goals, but Falkirk earned their share of the honours.

Several other Scottish games, including the Cup replay, were postponed and in view of future commitments, clubs look like having some busy weeks with mid-week games necessary if the programme is to be brought up to date.—Reuter.

Sports Gossip

London, Feb. 1.

All Rugby Union matches were cancelled today owing to snow and frost, except the international between Scotland and Wales which resulted in a win for Wales, 22-8.—Reuter.

Davos, Feb. 2.

Barbara Ann Scott (Canada) won the European Women's figure skating championship today when she proved she was in a class of her own. There was keen competition for second place before Gretchen Merrill (United States) became the runner-up with Daphne Walker, the British champion and leading English competitor, third.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong/S'hai Chinese Held To A Draw

In a well contested game on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, the Combined Hong Kong and Shanghai Chinese were held to a draw by the Non-Chinese XI, both sides scoring twice.

Although they enjoyed more of the game, the Combined Chinese were unable to penetrate the sound Non-Chinese defence. Taylor, in goal, played a sound game. The backs, Souter and Crumley, were solid and did good work in keeping the Combined Chinese forwards in check. Airosa, in the pivotal position, was a tower of strength. He was a real stumbling block in the way of the Combined Chinese forwards and repeatedly frustrated their attempts to get within striking distance.

He was well supported by the left upright well out of the reach of the goalie.

Both sides fought desperately to gain the lead in the closing minutes, but the final whistle came with the score two all.

Non-Chinese:—Taylor, Souter, Crumley, Cashman, Airosa, Anderson, Heggie, Stiekland, Goldthorpe, Willis, Ford.

Combined Chinese:—P. L. Chong, L. K. Chang, K. C. Ng, P. C. Kuo, Y. L. Man, T. K. Kam, H. Y. Yin, L. H. Hon, Lau Chung-sang, S. F. Leo, Tse Kam-ho.

Goldthorpe, centre forward, led his line well and showed himself to be a fine opportunist. Willis was full of dash and was always where play was thickest. Stiekland, who has improved with every appearance, was the most tricky and dangerous forward on view yesterday. He worked unceasingly for openings and had the Combined Chinese defence worried from start to finish.

Heggie played a steady game, but was not given many opportunities to shine. Ford, on the left, showed himself to be a lively winger and fully justified his inclusion in the Non-Chinese line-up. It was due entirely to his speed and accurate passing that the Non-Chinese were able to equalize.

Chong, the Combined Chinese goalie, again delighted spectators with a fine exhibition of goal-keeping. Chang and Ng acquitted themselves creditably. The intermediate line of Kuo, Man and Tse had their hands full trying to hold the nippy Non-Chinese forwards, but nevertheless were able to send out many promising passes to their own forward line.

Lau Chung-sang, in the centre forward berth, strove hard, but was prone to indulge in too much hefty kicking. The inside men, Hon and Leo, were outstanding. Leo, in particular, gave a dazzling performance and was easily the most dangerous of the Combined Chinese forwards. Tse Kam-ho was the best of the two wingers. Ho Yin-fun was definitely off form and wasted many opportunities.

Good Start

Combined Chinese started off well and after a period of attacking, took the lead when Lau Chung-sang, taking advantage of a misunderstanding on the part of the Non-Chinese defence, nipped in and scored.

This early setback served to give the Non-Chinese the inspiration they needed and following a series of well conceived attacks, they drew level when Stiekland harried Kuo into deflecting the ball into his own net.

The ball was passed about in many splendid movements and both sides had chances of adding further goals, but wasted their opportunities by unsteady shooting. Half time arrived with the score one all.

Hon, who had received an injury in the middle of the first half, did not take the field after the interval and the Chinese played with ten men throughout the second half.

Just after the resumption, Loo, who had been playing a fine game, picked up a forward pass by Lau Chung-sang and raced through to put the Combined Chinese in the lead again with a fast rising shot which had Taylor well and truly beaten. The Non-Chinese went all out to even up the score, but the Combined Chinese defence was able to hold its own against the repeated onslaughts of the speedy Non-Chinese attack.

Hit The Bar

Combined Chinese had a turn at attacking, but the absence of a forward resulted in many well placed passes going astray. They had a fine chance of increasing their lead when Tse and Loo broke through. Instead of passing to Loo, who was in a better shooting position, Tse tried to slam the ball in himself, but hit the upright with a crashing drive.

Shortly before time, Ford, gathering a pass near the half-way line, went ahead and sent in a fine pass to Goldthorpe, who, catching the Combined Chinese defence spread-eagled, sent in a fast ground shot which entered the net just by

ERNIE RODERICK LOSES TITLE

Paris, Feb. 1.
Robert Villmain of France won the European Welterweight boxing title last night when the British champion, Ernie Roderick, failed to answer the bell for the tenth and final round of their bout.—United Press.

RAF XI Beat HQ Land Forces

Following their victory over Kowloon Cricket Club the previous day, Royal Air Force easily defeated HQ Land Forces at Kai Tak yesterday by five wickets.

Features of the game included some brilliant bowling from Woodcock, a stylish innings by Eve and a half-century partnership by Cooper and Dordard.

The Army team began by scoring fifteen without loss but then came a procession back to the pavilion. A plucky innings by Weld enabled his side to total 81.

Weld played some beautiful strokes before he hit a full-blooded drive straight back into Rowley's hands. Cooper and Dordard soon scored the necessary runs and curiously enough, both were dismissed in identical fashion—caught on the leg boundary by Tierney.

It was certainly not HQ Land Forces' lucky day—making allowance for the outfield at Kai Tak, the fielding was woefully weak.

For the R.A.F., it is relevant to add that they have overcome many obstacles at Kai Tak and few teams in the Colony can claim such enthusiasm as exhibited by their players and supporters.

The first cricket's dream of a perfect venue and certainly not a fielder's delight but the true matting wicket and "open" surroundings ensure a delightful day "away from home".

H.Q. Land Forces

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Lt. Cpl. Wellings, b Mant 10
Q.M.S. Andrews, b Woodcock 6
Lt. Cpl. Eardley, b Mant 1
Capt. Saunders, b Woodcock 1

Capt. Orazio, lbw, b Woodcock 8
Lt. Cpl. Tierney, b Woodcock 1
Maj. Rowley, b Sewell 3
Cpl. Tarrant, b Woodcock 3
Lt. Cpl. Weld, c Mant, b Woodcock 16
Sgt. M. Cockerill, not out 9
Extras 3

Total 61
BOWLING: Mant 2-13, Woodcock 7-23, Sewell 1-16.

ITALY'S NEW CABINET

Rome, Feb. 2.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi officially announced the formation of Italy's new coalition government today, 13 days after his resignation had plunged the seven-month-old republic into its first full-fledged crisis.

Smiling 65-year-old De Gasperi, who succeeds himself as Premier and President of the Council of Ministers, named the Cabinet which, as expected, gives his Christian-Democrat Party six posts besides the Presidency of the Council, with the Communists and Socialists receiving three ministries each and the independents taking two.—United Press.

LAWN BOWLS

In a Lawn Bowls encounter played on the K.C.C. rink at Cox's Path yesterday, the Rest of the Club beat the Committee by 91 shots to 48. The Committee lost on all three rinks.

1st Rink:—J. W. Lee, W. H. H. Green, J. W. Lee, E. E. P. Guest (Skip) beat D. S. Green, G. Labrum, R. Leigh, T. W. Carr (Skip) 34-15.

2nd Rink:—F. Wong, W. Hung, M. N. Rakusen (Skip), beat C. I. Stapleton, W. Chain, E. C. Fincher (Skip) 21-14.

3rd Rink:—A. Tate, E. Duponcel, In. H. Glitters, T. Lock (Skip), beat E. Abraham, J. Chubb, G. Lee, F. Goodwin (Skip) 30-10.

Berlin, Feb. 2.
British authorities removed 6,500 Germans from office in the British zone of Germany during December, for past association with the Nazis, a British announcement said yesterday.—Associated Press.

Plan For Dealing With Germany

London, Feb. 1.

Full details of the French memorandum on the procedure for the peace settlement with Germany, which has been submitted to the secretariat of the conference of Foreign Ministers and will be discussed at next Tuesday's session of the deputies for Germany at Lancaster House, are now available.

The memorandum envisages four distinct stages in peace-making with Germany and contains detailed plans for associating the Allied powers with the word of the Big Four.

These stages are:
1. The Moscow conference in March.

2. The conference of deputies which will provide the first draft of the German peace treaty in the light of the Moscow meetings.

3. A peace conference of 22 Allied powers to consider and discuss the deputies draft.

4. Another Big Four conference to finalise the definite peace treaty.

In order to satisfy the widespread demand for closer association of Allied powers in the early stages of the peace-making the French memorandum, it is reliably understood, proposes that during the Moscow conference machinery for consultation should be set up.

Second Phase

Firstly the Big Four Foreign Ministers could issue invitations to any Allied power to take part in the main discussion, and to appoint a committee of "information and consultation" which would be appointed, consisting of the Big Four deputies and representatives of the interested powers.

This committee would work alongside the Foreign Ministers and would enable all the Allied powers to keep abreast of developments. For example, if Germany's western frontiers were under discussion the committee would consist of the deputies and representatives of the Low Countries and Luxembourg. For the eastern frontiers Poland and Czechoslovakia would naturally be interested.

During the second phase envisaged in the memorandum there would be an even closer association of the Allied powers with the Big Four.

A Compromise
The French recommendation is that all the Allied parties should receive all the documents of the Council of Foreign Ministers relevant to questions of special interest to them. They would also be entitled on demand to attend the deputies discussions on any particular point as observers. The deputies, in turn, would be authorised to appoint a permanent committee during phase two.

Allied powers co-opted to serve on these sub-committees would receive full power of discussion on an equal footing with the Big Four. Thus when the third phase of the full peace conference was reached all the Allied powers would be fully informed.

The French plan appears at first sight as a painstaking effort to devise a workable compromise between the Russian views on procedure—which relegate the Allied powers to virtual exclusion from discussion until the stage of the full peace conference—and the extreme view of some of the smaller powers that all the Allies should be admitted on an equal footing throughout all the stages of the peace-making.—Reuter.

Man Who Defeated Churchill

Dundee, Feb. 1.

Edwin Scrymgeour, former Prohibitionist Member of Parliament, whose defeat of Mr. Winston Churchill at Dundee in 1922 caused a major political sensation, died here today. He was 80.

Within a year of his election to Parliament, Mr. Scrymgeour unsuccessfully introduced his bill which was to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of alcohol except for medical purposes. The latter was to be sold only in bottles labelled "poison".

When he introduced the bill for the second time in 1931 only 20 members supported it and it was estimated that at the rate of conversion, it would take one thousand years to get it passed.

After this defeat, Mr. Scrymgeour retired from politics and became a chaplain attached to the Dundee Institution.—Reuter.

Vice Squad War On Opium

Paris, Feb. 1.

Paris police "vice squads" are fighting a powerful post-war "opium offensive" which appears to be growing every day with the resumption of normal transport facilities.

Although at present about 2,000 opium smokers in France are officially known, as against 6,000 dealers held at the Paris Prefecture in 1938, the police say that only the high cost of opium is still keeping the number of drug addicts comparatively low.

Many women in French high society are reported to be among the opium smokers. Poor drug addicts are obliged to satisfy their cravings with cocaine, or morphine, which are cheaper to buy. A great number of drug addicts are to be found among the ranks of former French colonialists who got the drug habit overseas, and disabled ex-Servicemen or former deportees who were given morphine as an alleviation for pain and grew accustomed to it.—Reuter.

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7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like"—Shella MacLeod.
8.00 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—London. Transcription Service: Have You Read "Confessions of an Opium Addict" by Thomas De Quincey?

8.30 p.m.—London Relay News.
9.10 p.m.—Studio: Relaxed by Molly Bixie (Mezzo-Soprano) with Betty Brown at the Piano.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay: "Mary Martin" by Thomas De Quincey.

10.00 p.m.—Something for Everybody—Music for all Tastes.
11.00 p.m.—Classical.

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